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FICCI and ASSOCHAM Proposal on GST
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has suggested the Government to have a standard rate of 18 per cent of GST, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is considering the proposal put by FICCI, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) has called for a relaxation in the provision in respect of penal and prosecution in the first two years after roll out of GST except in case of tax fraud and non-deposit of collected taxes;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government proposes to have single and centralized registration of suppliers of services operating across various States in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
a) No. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has recommended GST rates ranging from zero to 12 per cent for different types of industries through an e-mail dated 1st November, 2016. The details are at Annexure A.
b) The GST rate structure of 5%, 12% (Standard Rate 1), 18% (Standard Rate 2) and 28% has been recommended by the GST Council, in its meeting held on 3-4 November, 2016.

c) & d) No. ASSOCHAM has not suggested any such relaxation.

e) & f) As per article 279A(4)(c) of the Constitution, the GST Council shall make recommendations to the Union and the State on model GST laws, which will include details of the proposed registration process under GST.